

the Government Gazette of the 3rd Karkadagam last, stands at present?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—Acquisition proceedings are in progress. The valuation papers of the land and the buildings are being scrutinised by the Revenue and the Public Works Departments respectively.

Public grazing ground—Cranganur—opening of.

III. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Will the Government state:—

(a) whether there is any public grazing ground for cattle in Cranganur;

(b) if not, will they consider the urgency of opening one there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) Yes.

(b) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—May I know the villages in Cranganur where we have grazing grounds?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—In Lokamaleswaram, 3 plots measuring 39 cents, 28 cents and 75 cents and in Methala 2 acres 95 cents. Thus a total of 4 acres and 37 cents. All maintained by Government and Registered as Cattle-grazing grounds.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Are they used by the cattle?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—I suppose they are. If not, it is not our fault.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancherri*).—Whether there is not a connotation for cattle grazing grounds so far as Government is concerned?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—A grazing ground is one primarily used for tending cattle and grazing purposes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancherri*).—Has the expression 'Grazing' taken anything other than the right of the cattle to walk over the area? Is there anything for them to eat there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—'Grazing' is used in the normal sense.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Do they maintain those grazing grounds?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—They exist as open grounds and cattle can go there. They are registered as grazing grounds.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Is there grass there?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—In the way in which we can expect in those places and according to the seasons.

Areca plantation in the State.

112. Mr. K. T. Mathew (*Kunnamkulam*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) the area under areca plantation in the State;
- (b) the total investment in the areca plantation in the State;
- (c) the total quantity of arecanut annually produced in the State;
- (d) the total value of arecanut annually produced in the State;
- (e) whether the letters dated 17th July and 30th September last addressed to the Diwan of Cochin regarding the price of arecanut by the Member for Kunnamkulam be printed and placed on the table;
- (f) what steps have been taken by the Government to protect and safeguard the interests of the areca planters in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*).—(a) 24,003·13 acres.

- (b) No definite statistics are available.
- (c) Roughly 13,20,000 Thulams of raw arecanuts.
- (d) Rs. 26,40,000 approximately.
- (e) The letters are placed on the Council Table.
- (f) Government have with a view to secure steady and reasonable prices for the arecanut growers established markets at different centres and have put an end to the monopoly system wherever it prevailed. They have also systematised and regulated sales and collections at the markets. A co-operative